



**City of Eugene  
Parks, Recreation & Open Space Comprehensive Plan  
COMMUNITY DESIGN FORUM**

*April 3, 2004*

## **INTRODUCTION**

A Community Design Forum was held on Saturday, April 3, 2004 as part of the ongoing public involvement for the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Comprehensive Plan. Over 70 community members participated in a four-hour discussion about specific recommendations for future improvements in each of the six planning areas. Councilor Nancy Nathanson, Chair of the Mayor's Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Councilor Nathanson provided an overview of the project, and discussed the importance of parks and recreation services to the citizens and to the elected officials of Eugene.

Andrea Riner, Parks & Open Space Planning Manager for the City of Eugene delivered a powerpoint presentation as background for the discussion. She provided an overview of the planning process, a summary of the public involvement efforts to date, findings of the public involvement, and findings from the analysis of the current parks, recreation and open space system. Findings were provided for the seven park types, including neighborhood, community, metropolitan, natural area, and linear parks, and for urban plazas and special use facilities. Findings regarding individual recreation components, natural area amenities, and recreation facilities, such as pools and gymnasiums, were also presented.

The remainder of the forum consisted of small group discussions focusing on each of the six planning areas, including: Bethel/Danebo; City Central; River Road/Santa Clara; South Eugene; Willakenzie; and Willow Creek (see attached map).

This report provides a summary of the discussion, including input received via written comment sheets.

## **KEY FINDINGS**

For each of the planning areas, and for the city as a whole, findings have been organized into New Parks and Open Space; Improvements to Existing Parks; Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Amenities; Trails/Access/Connectivity; Natural Resource Programs & Amenities; and Programs and Partnerships. The following key findings are presented in each of these seven categories.

### ***New Parks and Open Space***

The following priorities emerged regarding acquiring and/or developing new parks and open space:

- ❖ Acquire and develop neighborhood parks to provide service to residents in underserved areas;
- ❖ Consider providing a higher level of service for neighborhood parks, especially within denser urban areas to ensure residents have access to parks and open space within ¼ mile safe walking distance.
- ❖ Take advantage of the opportunities presented by the closure of area schools;
- ❖ Ensure that the city's acquisition program provides an appropriate balance of natural areas and developed parks for active recreation;
- ❖ Incorporate parks and open space into plans for the abandoned Union Pacific railyards, especially in promoting connections between the Bethel, River Road, Santa Clara, and Trainsong neighborhoods;
- ❖ Implement the Jefferson Amazon Greenway plan for the joint City of Eugene and Lane County Fairgrounds property;
- ❖ Plan for a variety of open space and cultural amenities within the Courthouse district, ensuring adequate access to the riverfront, incorporating urban open space, and converting the existing steam plant into a Live Steam Museum with associated park uses;
- ❖ Expand the Willamette Greenway north to the confluence with the McKenzie, working with local gravel extraction companies for future reclamation and recreational uses;
- ❖ Incorporate farmland and agricultural landscape character into the parks and open space, especially within the Santa Clara area; and
- ❖ Continue to acquire open space to expand the Ridgeline Trail open space system.

### ***Improvements to Existing Parks***

Improving existing parks continues to be a high priority for residents. While most participants expressed this as an overall comment, some specific recommendations emerged, including:

- ❖ Improve Golden Gardens with pathways and increased accessibility, and improve habitat in Bethel area;
- ❖ Improving or moving West University Park to provide service in the City Central area;
- ❖ Providing natural area enhancements and trails at Wendover site within the Santa Clara area;
- ❖ Formalizing the existing disc golf use at Laurelwood and providing updated playground equipment at Amazon Park within the South Eugene area;
- ❖ Developing Sorrel Pond in the Willakenzie area; and
- ❖ Developing Videra and Hawkins Heights Parks and improving and expanding Berkeley Park within the Willow Creek area.

### ***Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Amenities***

Participants support development of a number of indoor and outdoor recreation amenities as new parks are developed and as part of improvements to existing parks:

- ❖ Provide children's play areas within all neighborhood parks;
- ❖ Provide more access to the Willamette River for active water-related recreation and trail uses;
- ❖ Develop additional community centers and gymnasiums;
- ❖ Develop a regional sports complex to support indoor activities, such as basketball and volleyball, and outdoor activities, such as soccer, softball, baseball, ultimate frisbee, rugby, lacrosse, and football;
- ❖ Develop additional indoor and outdoor aquatic facilities to provide summer and year-round uses;
- ❖ Develop a white-water park and other facilities to support water-related recreation at Alton Baker Park;
- ❖ Incorporate additional active recreation features, such as basketball, spray parks, picnic facilities, and public art along linear parks and greenways; and
- ❖ Provide indoor or covered skatepark and BMX facilities, such as under the Washington Jefferson bridge.

### ***Natural Resource Programs & Amenities***

Participants voiced strong support for ensuring natural resource values are part of the overall approach to parks and open space acquisition and planning. Specific comments regarding programs and amenities that support natural resources include the following:

- ❖ Incorporate natural areas into all parks and park types;
- ❖ Improve habitat throughout the parks and open space system;
- ❖ Develop amenities to support passive recreation, i.e., bird-watching, nature walks, and wildlife viewing;
- ❖ Make protection of the Willamette riverfront a priority, and provide an intact connected system on both sides of the river, extending the greenway north; and
- ❖ Provide additional nature interpretation and educational programs.

### ***Trails/Access/Connectivity;***

The issue of connectivity was a consistent theme in each of the planning areas. The following comments are key findings about providing improved pedestrian and bicycle access, and ensuring connectivity:

- ❖ Provide more linear parks and/or greenways, and utilize waterways as important connectors;
- ❖ Develop a regional trail system;
- ❖ Connect important neighborhood, community, and regional parks and open space features, such as the Ridgeline, Lane County Fairgrounds, Amazon Creek, Willamette River, and Coburg hills;
- ❖ Support a neighborhood walking system and walking programs that connect parks with other neighborhood amenities such as shopping, schools and streets;
- ❖ Connect the Willakenzie area to the riverfront bike system via the Delta Ponds connection; and
- ❖ Continue the Fern Ridge bike path west

### ***Programs and Partnerships***

The following comments address improvements to programs and community partnerships:

- ❖ Provide information about parks, recreation, and open space, especially for people with disabilities;
- ❖ Provide additional recreation programs, such as for youth, adults, and seniors;
- ❖ Develop an outreach and parks support program such as "First Saturday Park Walks"; and
- ❖ Improve partnerships with River Road Parks & Recreation District, School Districts, Lane Transit District, EWEB, and the YMCA.

## **GENERAL/CITY-WIDE FINDINGS**

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### ***New Parks & Open Space***

- ☐ Purchase property to meet future needs for recreation and open space;
- ☐ Create an “Opportunity Fund” to act on future opportunities to save open space as it comes available, such as school sites, private open space or EWEB properties;
- ☐ Convert closed schools property to parks;
- ☐ Consider densities of neighborhoods in assessing service areas, taking into account higher needs for higher density neighborhoods--consider providing neighborhood parks within ¼ mile walking distance;
- ☐ Provide a regional sports park;
- ☐ Provide an additional swimming pool similar to Amazon in conjunction with a regional sports park; and
- ☐ Balance development with open space.

### ***Improvements to Existing Parks***

- ☐ Provide consistent signage on all city property to clarify public space;
- ☐ Consider weather, i.e., rain, and provide more covered recreation facilities such as children’s play; and
- ☐ Incorporate Chinese cobblestone walking mats into neighborhood plazas and parks.

### ***Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Amenities***

- ☐ Improve access to river and promote active recreation within the Willamette River, including potential modifications to intakes, dams, etc. to make river more safe;
- ☐ Expand low-tech activities such as disc golf;
- ☐ Provide additional swimming pools;
- ☐ Provide affordable recreation services and amenities;
- ☐ Develop additional skateparks to support our youth; and
- ☐ Utilize school fields as much as possible.

### ***Trails/Access/Connectivity***

- ☐ Develop more linear parks/greenways throughout the city to improve bike and pedestrian connectivity;
- ☐ Rename linear parks as greenways;
- ☐ Utilize EWEB and other utility easements throughout the City as potential pedestrian corridors;
- ☐ Separate bike and pedestrian routes for greater safety (particularly in bird watching/wetland areas);
- ☐ Expand trail system on a regional basis, north on west bank of the Willamette, up the McKenzie, east to Mt. Pisgah and the Pacific Crest Trail, north and west to Corvallis and to the coast; and
- ☐ Expand trail/bike/path system beyond city limits to connect to a regional system.

### ***Natural Resource Programs & Amenities***

- ☐ Promote naturalization of areas to reduce maintenance costs;
- ☐ Incorporate more native plants into more parks, and plant milkweed for Monarch butterfly habitat;
- ☐ Combine more stormwater functions, including stormwater education, into parks and open space;
- ☐ Include natural resource areas in all parks and park types;
- ☐ Improve habitat throughout the parks and open space system;
- ☐ Provide drinking fountains in outlying natural areas; and
- ☐ Have adoptable bird feeders in parks.

### ***Programs and Partnerships***

- ☐ Provide recreation programs for nature interpretation, hikes in city natural areas, and scavenger hunts to learn about our parks system;
- ☐ Public a brochure/newsletter like Metro Greenspaces in Portland;
- ☐ Develop urban walking paths and programs and assess streets and alleys for use as linear parks/walking routes, providing maps and developing interpretive programs; and
- ☐ Program a scavenger hunt along bike path like the floats hidden in Florence.
- ☐ Promote partnership with school districts.

## **BETHEL/DANEBO**

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### ***New Parks & Open Space***

- ❑ Acquire land in railyard area and reclaim site to provide active and passive recreation, improve connectivity, and provide public access; and
- ❑ Consider acquiring land adjacent to Golden Gardens for developed park, possibly including community center, seasonal restrooms, benches, water fountain, basketball, play area, tennis courts, and shelter.

### ***Improvements to Existing Parks***

- ❑ Improve Peterson Park, by:
  - ❑ Addressing traffic and parking issues
  - ❑ Reducing neighborhood impacts, such as noise and litter;
  - ❑ Discouraging parking on grass areas;
  - ❑ Providing additional plantings and buffers to reduce noise
  - ❑ Connecting directly to Royal and eliminating the Berntzen Road entry;
  - ❑ Acquiring additional property on south side of park on Royal Avenue;
  - ❑ Providing additional police patrols or lighting to improve safety and security; and
  - ❑ Incorporating natural areas within the park.
- ❑ Improve Golden Gardens Park, by:
  - ❑ Improve path around ponds for all accessibility levels;
  - ❑ Address inappropriate activities, such as homeless camping, drug/alcohol use, and off-road vehicles;
  - ❑ Provide some BMX facilities to support current use; and
  - ❑ Improve access via public transit.

### ***Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Amenities***

- ❑ Provide outdoor recreation amenities on linear parks and multi-use paths, such as waterspray features, public art (i.e., solar system), benches, shelters, and play elements;
- ❑ Develop linear park “scavenger hunt” them for kids;
- ❑ Provide additional aquatic facilities to better serve Bethel/Danebo residents; and
- ❑ Provide additional community gardens.

### ***Trails/Access/Connectivity***

- ❑ Extend the bike path through Dragonfly bend to Bethel Community Park and possible future YMCA site;
- ❑ Emphasize interconnectivity via additional bike and walking paths; and
- ❑ Provide a safe pedestrian and bicycle connection between West Eugene, Trainsong, and Bethel neighborhoods via Roosevelt bike path, the river bike path, and safe, easy passage over Chambers overpass.

### ***Natural Resource Programs & Amenities***

- ❑ Initiate water quality monitoring to ensure swimming and fishing is safe at Golden Gardens; and
- ❑ Plant more natives and enhance bird habitat.

### ***Programs and Partnerships***

- ❑ Improve neighborhood involvement in parks and open space planning efforts with conference telephone meeting time, electronic on-line chat time, child care at meetings, and partnerships with schools;
- ❑ Look at churches as a way to facilitate community-building;
- ❑ Provide access to facilities and programs for the visually-impaired, and provide public information utilizing Guardline via the Register/Guard; and
- ❑ Increase dog etiquette awareness via signage, volunteers or staffing at dog parks.

## **CITY CENTRAL**

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### ***New Parks & Open Space***

- ☐ Implement the Jefferson Amazon Greenway plan;
- ☐ Expand park blocks north to butterfly lot;
- ☐ Open the Eugene Millrace within the Courthouse district to provide pedestrian and public open space amenities;
- ☐ Provide more public access and public space within the Riverfront Research Park;
- ☐ Provide riverfront park within the Courthouse district;
- ☐ Consider community development and/or support of Live Steam Museum:
  - ☐ Provide destination facility to reflect areas agricultural and industrial history;
  - ☐ Provide associated outdoor public open space;
  - ☐ Partner with EWEB and other public and private stakeholders; and
  - ☐ Incorporate educational components in partnership with local school districts.
- ☐ Preserve wetland meadow on south side of Amazon Channel, between Polk and Van Buren.

### ***Improvements to Existing Parks***

- ☐ Enhance public/pedestrian amenities along the Amazon, including the area between the Fairgrounds and Amazon Park;
- ☐ Fix Lincoln School Park basketball court; and
- ☐ Maintain neighborhood park service in West University neighborhood:
  - ☐ Relocate to preferable site (14<sup>th</sup> & Patterson or 14<sup>th</sup> & Hilyard);
  - ☐ Consider partnership with business, non-profit or church to expand possibilities; and
  - ☐ Ensure park safety through visibility by acquiring land with appropriate frontage and access.

### ***Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Amenities***

- ☐ Develop a community center and gymnasium within the City Center area;
- ☐ Look at synergies with water-related recreation activities at Alton Baker Park from new urban waterfront at Courthouse;
- ☐ Develop an indoor skatepark and BMX facility, possibly in partnership with a board sports shop;
- ☐ Provide an indoor/outdoor aquatic facility in the City Central area, and consider Whiteaker School or 4J Admin site as possibilities;
- ☐ Provide children's play area within downtown core;
- ☐ Provide covered play facilities, such as children's play, basketball, skate park;
- ☐ Provide covered skate park underneath WJ bridge for year-round use to promote activity and increase ownership and visibility; and
- ☐ Provide wireless internet access at urban park sites.
- ☐ The Chambers interchange overpass could provide covered basketball opportunities, similar to that at Washington/Jefferson.

### ***Trails/Access/Connectivity***

- ☐ Address connectivity of people and habitat south to Ridgeline, Fairgrounds, and Amazon Park and north to Willamette River and Coburg Hills;
- ☐ Consider potential additional connection across Willamette to provide direct access to Alton Baker Park from Courthouse district; and
- ☐ Promote both a visual and a physical connection to the Willamette River within the Courthouse district.

### ***Natural Resource Programs & Amenities***

- ☐ Keep green ribbon along riverfront and limit development directly adjacent to the river;
- ☐ Look for opportunities to transition mowed lawn areas to meadows and promote riparian enhancement and native plantings;
- ☐ Develop seating areas as sanctuaries, with native garden space, seating areas, birdfeeders, and paths;
- ☐ Strengthen stormwater education in parks;
- ☐ Continue efforts to naturalize the banks of Amazon Creek; and
- ☐ Provide urban habitat research and educational park areas.

### ***Programs and Partnerships***

- ☐ Build interagency cooperation to address urban runoff issues;
- ☐ Deal with non-point source pollution in the Willamette River;
- ☐ Develop "First Saturday's Park Walks";
- ☐ Maintain the Lane County Fairgrounds site as community event public space;
- ☐ Promote more community recreation use of fairground site;
- ☐ Promote park adoption programs to enhance safety and reduce neighborhood impacts;
- ☐ Promote safety on bike paths and in parks by increasing positive activities and ownership by users, especially along riverfront;
- ☐ Promote use of rooftop gardens in areas without adequate open space;
- ☐ Recognize and address issues arising from adjacencies with social service providers; and
- ☐ Reserve funds to acquire non-city owned park and recreation areas as may be necessary, such as school playgrounds, event meeting space, privately held open space, basketball courts.

### ***Additional City Center Submittals:***

- ☐ Washington Jefferson Skatepark proposal and petition with 400 names
- ☐ Eugene Steam Museum proposal
- ☐ Jefferson Amazon Greenway site plan

## **RIVER ROAD/SANTA CLARA**

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### ***New Parks & Open Space***

- ☐ Acquire open space and extend the Willamette Greenway north;
- ☐ Incorporate farms and agricultural character of landscape into area open space;
- ☐ Reclaim abandoned rail yard for open space and/or athletic fields;
- ☐ Provide parks to serve area north of Beltline, south of Irvington;
- ☐ Buy school district surplus sites;
- ☐ Pursue acquisition of long linear piece south & East of Thompson Meadows; and
- ☐ Develop new parkland at Wendover Street with trails and interpretive facilities and maintain strong natural resource values.

### ***Improvements to Existing Parks***

- ☐ Provide additional restrooms;
- ☐ Include stepping stones into neighborhood parks; and
- ☐ Focus on improving existing facilities.

### ***Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Amenities***

- ☐ Provide BMX for dirt tracks and tricks;
- ☐ Provide an indoor skate park or covered outdoor skate park;
- ☐ Provide gymnasium space and a community center;
- ☐ Provide community gardens and botanical gardens that reflect agricultural heritage of the neighborhood;
- ☐ Develop Santa Clara School as a community center;
- ☐ Provide additional facilities that support improved and increased youth programs;
- ☐ Provide additional basketball courts;
- ☐ Build another pool in the community;
- ☐ Add fenced off-leash dog park;
- ☐ Provide places for a range of activities such as rollerblading, ice hockey, skating, lacrosse; and
- ☐ Provide access to camping.

### ***Trails/Access/Connectivity***

- ☐ Provide additional multi-use trails and hiking trails;
- ☐ Improve bike and pedestrian access along waterways and use open waterways as open space connectors;
- ☐ Ensure accessibility of parks;
- ☐ Connect neighborhood amenities, such as shopping, neighbors, parks, gardens, alleys; and
- ☐ Plan parks with transit in mind.

### ***Natural Resource Programs & Amenities***

- ☐ Provide more natural areas and less development;
- ☐ Restore hydrology of area by connecting open waterways;
- ☐ Improve storm water quality;
- ☐ Support passive recreation activities, such as bird watching, walking, and wildlife;
- ☐ Incorporate more native plantings with information and educational signage;
- ☐ Keep park property along the river natural;
- ☐ Maintain natural waterways in development of Santa Clara Community Park;
- ☐ Reclaim the water's edge as publicly owned and accessed resource; and
- ☐ Plant lots of milkweed for butterfly habitat.

### ***Programs and Partnerships***

- ☐ Address neighborhood traffic impacts from parks and recreation facilities;
- ☐ Provide community access to Irvington Grange;
- ☐ Recognize value of River Road Parks & Recreation District;
- ☐ Develop more partnerships with agencies and non-profits, such as Nearby Nature;
- ☐ Support park adoption programs;
- ☐ Develop partnership with LTD to improve recreational users taking transit;
- ☐ Take this public input process to every neighborhood meeting and get specific comments as they relate to their neighborhood and to get citywide input;
- ☐ Develop property owner incentive to acquire neighborhood park property in unserved areas;
- ☐ Reduce fees as incentive to use public transit to recreation facilities; and
- ☐ Utilize more volunteers for parks maintenance, and include community members in park beautification and furnishing.

## **SOUTH EUGENE**

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### ***New Parks & Open Space***

- ☐ Purchase as much open space as possible;
- ☐ Acquire Madison Meadows, a 2-acre site at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Madison to preserve as habitat;
- ☐ Acquire school at 29<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln for soccer field and playground;
- ☐ Consider ¼ mile park service areas, as ½ mile is too far for kids to walk; and
- ☐ Improve neighborhood access to playgrounds.

### ***Improvements to Existing Parks***

- ☐ Improve dog parks by adding trees at Amazon and Morse Ranch, improving clean-up, improving drainage in winter, and controlling poison oak (participants appreciate improvements at Morse Ranch dog park, including fencing off of wet areas, gravel loop trail, covered benches, and plastic bags);
- ☐ Incorporate "stepping stones" into Amazon, Washington, and Friendly parks to promote health and well being; and
- ☐ Improve Amazon playground to include seesaws for tots, new swings, sand, climbing wall and jungle gym, new skatepark, trees for climbing, more tulips, spring toys, and new exercise area.

### ***Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Amenities***

- ☐ Convert wading pool into spray play at Washington Park; and
- ☐ Implement frisbee golf proposal for Laurelwood back 9.

### ***Trails/Access/Connectivity***

- ☐ Create urban walking trails down through neighborhoods to the Amazon Creek, using creek corridor as primary pedestrian trail;
- ☐ Improve pedestrian connectivity between parks and to the river;
- ☐ Develop additional bridges over creek along east and west Amazon and in Amazon Park;
- ☐ Partner with EWEB to utilize their easements throughout the City as potential pedestrian corridors; and
- ☐ Provide benches, shade, and places to stretch and warm up along trails and paths.

### ***Natural Resource Programs & Amenities***

- ❑ Naturalize Amazon Creek where it flows between east and west Amazon and partner with ACOE to increase sinuosity/ meanders;
- ❑ Naturalize Amazon Creek from South Eugene High School to Fairgrounds by working with property owners (primarily commercial zoned properties) to alter property and create a more natural and pleasing place to be and subsequently improve business opportunities;
- ❑ Enhance creek in Amazon Park and maintain natural areas as natural; and
- ❑ Use native plants, such as the plantings added at Washington Park.

### ***Programs and Partnerships***

- ❑ Develop a city-wide walking program. Need to infill missing sidewalks, provide maps/routes for good walking areas, program walking tours as recreation activity (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday park walk), promote program for multiple benefits. Include routes to commercial areas.
- ❑ Identify and promote city-owned properties, including easements, r.o.w, etc to create walking connections. Also consider these areas as community garden opportunities (for example, 26<sup>th</sup> and Lawrence, Garfield Park community garden expansion).

## **WILLAKENZIE**

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### ***New Parks & Open Space***

- ❑ Save Willakenzie School site fields, and acquire entire site for parks;
- ❑ Address loss of open space at Washington School;
- ❑ Acquire land to keep pace with development;
- ❑ Develop an urban plaza near Willakenzie/Coburg intersection; and
- ❑ Acquire the gravel pits when they are mined out.

### ***Improvements to Existing Parks***

- ❑ Develop Sorrel Pond to connect with waterway system and bike paths.

### ***Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Amenities***

- ❑ Capitalize on water recreation downtown and Alton Baker Park area to get people in touch with the river;
- ❑ Develop a white water park in Alton Baker Park along canoe canal and in Willamette River;
  - ❑ Modify the deadly I-5 weir to make safer; and
  - ❑ Provide water features for canoe, kayak, surf, and body boarders.
- ❑ Make Sheldon Center a full service facility for use by all ages;
- ❑ Improve Sheldon pool and community center based on new master plan;
- ❑ Provide more community gardens;
- ❑ Add a dog park in north Willakenzie; and
- ❑ Provide disc golf at Alton Baker Park.

### ***Trails/Access/Connectivity***

- ❑ Create a connection from Willakenzie area to rest of community via pedestrian and bicycle trails;
- ❑ Provide bike connection through Delta Ponds west to Riverfront bike system;
- ❑ Develop bike/pedestrian network of trails along Willamette and McKenzie and connect into Willakenzie neighborhood;
- ❑ Create a multi-use path that includes the McKenzie (20 miles);
- ❑ Create easements through the gravel pits; and
- ❑ Provide more water access to Willamette River.

### ***Natural Resource Programs & Amenities***

- ❑ Increase the natural habitat areas in the region;
- ❑ Extend the Willamette River greenway on the east and west banks near Beltline; and
- ❑ Improve aquatic, riparian, and wildlife habitat along Willamette River.



### ***Programs and Partnerships***

- ☐ Promote the development of additional community partnerships in the Willakenzie area;
- ☐ Consider grant funding for area projects; and
- ☐ Partner with businesses to provide recreation and other services as vendors in parks.

## **WILLOW CREEK**

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### ***New Parks & Open Space***

- ☐ Focus on acquisition;
- ☐ Develop existing neighborhood park property at Hawkins Heights and Videra, and move up the timetable for their development;
- ☐ Ridgeline expansion is priority parkland need:
  - ☐ Acquire additional ridgeline connecting parcels soon; and
  - ☐ Acquire high points within the Ridgeline.
- ☐ Reduce the amount of underserved area;
- ☐ Check into vacant lots between the church and Churchill estates on Bailey Hill;
- ☐ Provide a community park incorporating natural and developed areas;
- ☐ Provide a metropolitan park where the Ridgeline and West Eugene Wetlands come together;
- ☐ Acquire and develop more neighborhood parks; and
- ☐ Acquire Bailey Hill School site once it is available--Bailey Hill School property conversion is a neighborhood priority.

### ***Improvements to Existing Parks***

- ☐ Improve Gudukut wetland natural area:
  - ☐ Add interpretive trails;
  - ☐ Consider a community/safety center just south of Gudukut; and
  - ☐ Complete Gudu-kut perimeter path design and educational signs
  - ☐ Provide resource community structure on City View just south of the natural area.
- ☐ Improve and expand Berkeley Park.

### ***Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Amenities***

- ☐ Ensure neighborhood parks are constructed with play facilities for children;
- ☐ Develop a community center to provide better recreation programming in this planning area;
- ☐ Develop a swimming pool to meet long term needs, consider partnership with 4J;
- ☐ Create fun destination points along the Fern Ridge Bike Path (i.e. like the planets), and brainstorm ideas with kids;
- ☐ Add soccer fields North of Westmoreland School on City View;
- ☐ Provide indoor/outdoor swimming facility in partnership w/ YMCA's plan to build new place in West Eugene – probably further north of Willow Creek area;
- ☐ Provide a community center/community safety station/educational center in the vicinity of the abandoned green building on City View in front of the wetland and abandoned pool;
- ☐ Develop an active adult community center
- ☐ Provide more play fields; and
- ☐ Create guideposts along bike path (a la the Solar System) to create stopping points that are goals for people to reach.

### ***Trails/Access/Connectivity***

- ☐ Improve trails and connections between parks and neighborhoods;
- ☐ Provide additional trail access to the tops of ridgeline properties;
- ☐ Provide for safer bike path crossing at City View, widen sidewalks, and add curb cuts;
- ☐ Extend the Fern Ridge Bike Path where possible—people love it;
- ☐ Provide more walking trail connections between facilities;
- ☐ Provide neighborhood connections to the ridgeline via easements;
- ☐ Improve the Amazon bike path to include better north-south connections – connecting Amazon to Willamette River also connect W 14th to Amazon path from Wilson Court;

- ❑ Safe crossing of busy streets to enable access to parks.
- ❑ Connect neighborhood parks to each other;
- ❑ Improve existing Bike path crossing at City View – long term goal add a pedestrian bridge, short term add striping for a crosswalk or visual aid;
- ❑ Add perimeter trail bike paths in parks and around wetlands; and
- ❑ Connect Berkeley Park to the Amazon with fields and bike path connection for neighbors.

#### ***Natural Resource Programs & Amenities***

- ❑ Maintain views to and from the Ridgeline;
- ❑ Keep passive recreation on the edges of important natural areas and not through the middle of them;
- ❑ Provide good clear positive educational signage in the natural areas;
- ❑ Add to the Amazon Creek riparian protection/naturalization zone;
- ❑ Hiking access on ridgeline; and
- ❑ Add signage like the talking stones at Whilamut.

#### ***Programs and Partnerships***

- ❑ Partner with YMCA plans to build a facility in West Eugene – YMCA/Pool/Park;
- ❑ Partner with School district regarding pool facility and especially with the Bailey Hill School site; Partner with EWEB on providing recreational resources on their lands (Trails, playgrounds, etc.);
- ❑ Improve enforcement to prevent illegal dumping and car washing along the Amazon;
- ❑ Combine stream clean-up day with recreation programs to acknowledge the fun aspect of service that already occurs (marching band, lots of tents w/activities for shade on hot days); and
- ❑ Provide needed recreations programs, such as swimming, hiking, and environmental education.

#### **DISPLAYS & HANDOUTS PREPARED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

- ❑ Eugene Steam Museum, Tom Snyder—Proposal to convert EWEB’s obsolete steam plant into a world class Steam Museum.
- ❑ Urban Walking Trails, Nancy Ellen Locke—Promoting regular physical activity which is accessible to all.
- ❑ Adult Fitness Equipment, John Fisher- Video showing footage from park in Japan with public fitness equipment.
- ❑ Stepping Stones, John Fisher and Nancy Ellen Locke—Promoting health and wellness through cobblestone paths.
- ❑ Union Pacific’s Eugene Yards, Liska Chan—Proposal to convert portions of the rail yard into public open space.
- ❑ White Water Park in Alton Baker Park, Ed Fredette—Proposal to develop recreation opportunities for kayaking, canoeing, and riversurfing in Alton Baker Park canoe canal and Willamette River.
- ❑ Washington/Jefferson Skatepark, Committee to Build the WJ Skatepark—Proposal and petition signed by 400 individuals in support of a covered, lighted skatepark under the Washington Jefferson bridge.
- ❑ Jefferson Amazon Greenway, Jefferson Westside Neighbors—A proposal for creek enhancements, open space and recreation facilities south of the Fairgrounds between Van Buren and Jefferson Streets.
- ❑ Disc Golf Course/ Habitat Restoration at Laurelwood, Uof O Landscape Architecture students, Aaron Vit and Chris Mauksch—Proposal for development of the “back 9” of Laurelwood Golf Course into an 18 hole disc golf course, incorporating habitat restoration and multi-use objectives.
- ❑ Parks and Open Space Visioning Projects, Uof O Landscape Architecture students, Open Space Planning Class, instructed by Cynthia Girling.

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